

To the Board of Directors of The San Joaquin River Conservancy

My name is Louis Moosios. I am writing to you in regards to the planning project for the Milburn Unit which will be heard and addressed at your meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

Please recall that two years ago the Board authorized preliminary planning funds for the Milburn Unit. At the time of that meeting two years ago, the Board also listened to my concerns regarding the work to be done on or near the Milburn Unit which should not impede the current public use of that area, or impede the navigability of any waterways in or near the Millburn Unit. There are a number of codes that indicate navigability shall not be impeded.

After listening to my concerns the Board voted that in giving funding for preliminary planning, some adjacent landowners and the public could be involved with the planning.

Other landowners, including myself, and the public had a chance to meet once with the planners. My concerns along with others where expressed. Everybody for the most part agreed that this is a good project for the public. The big problem is how to do it without stopping the current public use of the area. I gave a few different recommendations as to how the work could be completed.

Since then there have been preliminary plans drawn up, none of which allow the continued public use that now exists. The plans show that there will be different structures completely blocking the public's access and navigability of this area. My suggestions of designing a structure that would still allow public access and not impede navigability for the most part have been ignored.

I am asking the Board that if they give continued funding for this project that one of the stipulations for the funding is that current navigability will not be impeded and current public use will not be stopped.

This project affects me not only as an adjacent landowner, but as a business owner. I own San Joaquin Guide Service and have been doing fishing and sightseeing tours on the river. About 90% of my clients end up visiting the Millburn Unit. This area has been an attraction to numerous people from all over the world and from all walks of life. The current planning would block the access points to this area.

I am offering to the Board of Directors and anyone else involved in this project a tour of the area by boat to help them better understand the concerns that so many people have. I am also a California Licensed General Contractor and I believe my ideas would help in the engineering of this project.

If there is any information I can help the Board or planners with, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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